

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The March 25, 2014, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis, Gamble, Goering ¹, Hanford, and Rasmussen.

Staff members present: Farrell, Feilberg, Nelson, Popelka, Quenzer, and Smoot.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Citizen Joey McCammon and recited by attendees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Cascade Bike Club Presentation

Jeff Aken, Principal Planner, Cascade Bike Club, provided a presentation entitled 'Bikes Mean Business' and included the following topics: challenges; opportunities; who rides?; four types of bicyclists; why ride?; the business case for bicycling; planning for bikes; and what cities can do.

Councilmember Cudaback thanked Mr. Aken for the presentation; and commented on the tie in with the City's theme of "The Adventure Starts Here" and the Monroe Chamber of Commerce theme of "Ride Here."

PUBLIC HEARING

1. AB14-053: Ordinance No. 005/2014, Extending Interim Sign Code Regulations

Mr. Paul Popelka, Planning/Permitting Manager, provided background information on the proposed ordinance, extending interim sign code regulations for an additional three months.

Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing. No citizens were present wishing to offer testimony on AB14-053/Ordinance No. 005/2014.

Councilmember Hanford moved to close the citizen testimony portion of the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

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Motion carried (6-0).

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Goering arrived at approximately 7:27 p.m. during AB14-053/public hearing.

Discussion ensued regarding the schedule for adoption of the ordinance; and whether there were any hindrances preventing a first reading. Mr. Popelka confirmed there are none, as the public hearing has been held and closed.

Councilmember Goering moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 005/2014, renewing interim zoning regulations adopted under Ordinance No. 002/2013, and codified in Chapter 18.80, Signs; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following persons spoke regarding Monroe MusicFest, and event planning thereto: Ms. Katrina MacGregor, Tartan Talent; and Mr. Keith Brock.

The following person spoke regarding the procurement of Police motorcycles and grants available thereto: Mr. Dan Williams.

The following person spoke regarding bicycle riding within City limits, and bike lanes on City streets: Mr. Rick Hart.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – *no report provided.*

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; March 18, 2014, Regular Business Meeting

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB14-054: Monroe MusicFest (Discussion)

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, provided background information on the Monroe MusicFest; and noted information included in the Council packet in regards to a proposal from Mr. Keith Brock, and additional music events held in the City.

Discussion ensued regarding events held within the City (music events, triathlons, wake board events) and City services provided thereto; Councilmembers' preferences regarding the festival; the 2013 event; funding; partnerships; providing in-kind services; and the feasibility of holding the event at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds.

Councilmember Hanford moved to direct City Staff to contact the Evergreen State Fairgrounds Staff to inquire regarding the feasibility of holding a music festival at their location and to pass along the information to interested parties²; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering.

Discussion ensued regarding contact with the Evergreen State Fairgrounds regarding feasibility; leaving this matter 'open' to receiving proposals from interested parties to host/sponsor a festival; and partnership of the City for in-kind services only, no funding support.

On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB14-055: Street Maintenance Funding (Discussion)

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, provided background information and reviewed the proposed street maintenance funding options. This item was discussed at the March 10, 2014, City Council Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Public Safety (P4) Committee Meeting.

Councilmembers Cudaback and Davis, members of the P4 Committee, commented on the committee meeting discussion and support of option 3B (a sales tax increase up to 0.2 percent). Discussion ensued regarding the options provided for discussion; and next steps.

Councilmember Hanford moved to direct City Staff to schedule a meeting of the Transportation Benefit District Board to consider a ballot measure resolution relating to option 3B (a sales tax increase up to 0.2 percent) presented by City Staff for street maintenance funding; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Hanford commented on the Oso mudslide.

Councilmember Rasmussen thanked citizens for their input regarding Monroe MusicFest; and other events.

Councilmember Davis commented on the Oso mudslide.

Councilmember Gamble commented the Oso mudslide; and local softball leagues.

² CLERK'S NOTE: the main motion was clarified through the discussion immediately following the motion/second.

Councilmember Goering commented on a Polar Plunge being held to benefit a local child and their medical expenses.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ms. Nelson reported on Standard and Poors recent credit rating review of the City; the report has been published and Monroe's rating has been upgraded (from A+ to AA-); the report will be included in the April 1, 2014, Council Meeting packet.

Police Chief Tim Quenzer reported that the Monroe Police Department has volunteered to assist with the efforts surrounding the Oso mudslide.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**1. Draft Agenda for April 1, 2014, Regular Business Meeting**

Mayor Thomas reviewed the draft agenda for the April 1, 2014, regular business meeting. Per Council action earlier in the evening, Ordinance No. 005/2014 will be moved to Final Action, for adoption upon second/final reading.

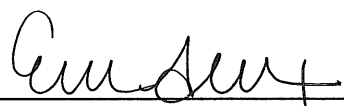
Councilmember Cudaback requested the item 'Social Meeting Policy' be added to the extended Council agenda; Mayor Thomas stated it is currently slated to come back to Council on April 15, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Rasmussen and seconded by Councilmember Goering to adjourn the meeting. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:46 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of April 1, 2014.